

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1, 6, 24, 37, 40 and 45 have been amended. Claims 4, 5, 38 and 39 have been canceled.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 5-33 and 39-56 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the features of dependent claims 4 and 5 which have been canceled. Amended claim 1 thus represents dependent claim 5 rewritten in independent form and is thus allowable.

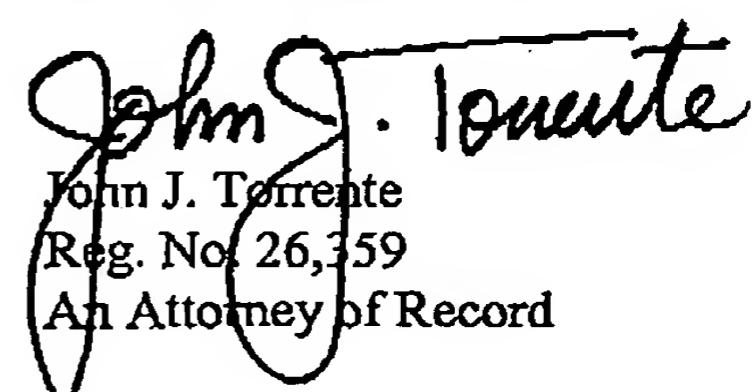
Likewise, independent claim 37 has been amended to include the features of dependent claims 38 and 39 which have been canceled. Amended claim 37 thus represents dependent claim 39 rewritten in independent form and is also allowable.

All the other remaining claims in the application, i.e., claims 2, 3, 6-36 and 40-60 depend from either allowable claim 1 or allowable claim 37. These claims are thus also believed to be allowable.

In view of the above, all claims in the application, as amended, are allowable. Accordingly, reconsideration of the claims and passage of same to issue is respectfully requested.

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